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Security Council

10:00		7140th meeting [webcast]	Security Council Chamber
	1.	Adoption of the agenda	
	2.	The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question	
Morning[1]		Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room
		Middle East	
		Other matters	
15:00		7141st meeting [webcast]	Security Council Chamber
	1.	Adoption of the agenda	
	2.	Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan	
		Report of the Secretary-General on South Sudan (S/2014/158)	
Afternoon[2]		Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room
		United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) (S/2014/158)	
		Other matters	

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 7140th meeting.
[2] To be held following the adjournment of the 7141st meeting.

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General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

Informal Informal consultations (closed) on the modalities for the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society will be held *today,* 18 March 2014, at 10:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB). A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 14 March 2014, was sent to all Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers.

General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

Informal informal consultations on the modalities for the comprehensive review and assessment of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases will take place *today,* 18 March 2014, at 15:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB). A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 6 March 2014, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

An informal meeting of the plenary (closed) on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council, will be held on Wednesday, 19 March 2014, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 17 March 2014, was sent to all permanent representatives. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

The General Assembly will hold a plenary meeting on Thursday, 20 March 2014, at 10:00, in the General Assembly Hall (NLB), to consider sub-item (b) of agenda item 33 (Prevention of armed conflict: Strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution).

General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

Informal consultations on all issues related to the forthcoming third international conference on financing for development, including the date, format, organization and scope of the conference will take place on Thursday, 20 March 2014, at 15:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB). A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 12 March 2014, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

10:00	30th meeting [webcast]	Conference Room 4 (NLB)
	Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 [item 134]	
	Strategic capital review (A/68/733 and A/68/796)	
	Introduction and general discussion	
Morning[1] to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5 (NLB)
	Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015: Strategic capital review (A/68/733 and A/68/796))	
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5 (NLB)
	Informal consultations on:	
	Agenda item 132 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Civilian capacity (A/68/696, A/68/696/Corr.1, A/68/784, A/67/312 and A/67/583)); and	
	Agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015: Special political missions: Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic (A/68/327/Add.9 and A/68/7/Add.25))	

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 30th meeting of the Committee.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2014 substantive session

Working Group of the Whole

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Rooms A and B (CB)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Rooms A and B (CB)

Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole (A/67/766, A/68/637, A/68/652 and A/68/696–S/2014/5) [item 7]

[Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers at www.c34.unlb.org. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).]

[Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbale will be accepted by e-mail.]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10 (CB)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10 (CB)

1. African Union Mission in Somalia
2. Executive meeting
3. United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti, United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara, United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei and United Nations Logistics Base

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International Civil Service Commission
Seventy-eighth session

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 1 (CB)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 1 (CB)

1. Surveys of best prevailing conditions of employment in Madrid [item 7 (b)]
2. Key findings of the International Civil Service Commission global staff survey; and findings from consultations with executive heads and human resources directors [item 5 (a) (i)]

Economic and Social Council
2014 session

10:00 8th meeting [webcast] Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB)

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [item 2]

Action on draft decisions:

Theme for the high-level political forum on sustainable development for 2014, convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council (E/2014/L.4/Rev.1)

2014 thematic discussion of the Economic and Social Council (E/2014/L.5)

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-eighth session

10:00 to 13:00 12th meeting [webcast] Conference Room 2 (CB)

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

(E/CN.6/2014/2, E/CN.6/2014/14, E/CN.6/2014/CRP.4, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/1, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/2, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/3, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/4, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/5, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/6, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/7, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/8, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/9, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/10, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/11, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/12, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/13, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/14, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/15, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/16, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/17, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/18, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/19, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/20, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/21, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/22, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/23, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/24, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/25, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/26, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/27, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/28, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/29, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/30, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/31, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/32, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/33, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/34, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/35, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/36, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/37, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/38, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/39, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/40, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/41, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/42, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/43, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/44, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/45, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/46, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/47, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/48, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/49, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/50, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/51, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/52, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/53, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/54, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/55, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/56, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/57, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/58, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/59, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/60, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/61, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/62, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/63, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/64, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/65, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/66, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/67, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/68, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/69, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/70, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/71, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/72, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/73, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/74, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/75, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/76, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/77, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/78, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/79, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/80, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/81, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/82, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/83, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/84, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/85, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/86, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/87, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/88, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/89, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/90, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/91, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/92, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/93, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/94, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/95, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/96, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/97, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/98, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/99, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/100, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/101, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/102, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/103, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/104, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/105, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/106, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/107, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/108, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/109, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/110, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/111, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/112, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/113, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/114, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/115, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/116, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/117, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/118, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/119, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/120, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/121, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/122, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/123, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/124, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/125, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/126, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/127, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/128, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/129, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/130, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/131, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/132, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/133,

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(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives (E/CN.6/2014/3 and E/CN.6/2014/4)

(ii) Review theme: access and participation of women and girls in education, training, science and technology, including for the promotion of women's equal access to full employment and decent work

Panel 4 on the review theme with a focus on "Women's and girls' equal access and participation in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education"

15:00 to 18:00 — 13th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 2 (CB)

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives (E/CN.6/2014/3 and E/CN.6/2014/4)

(ii) Review theme: access and participation of women and girls in education, training, science and technology, including for the promotion of women's equal access to full employment and decent work

[See documents listed for the morning meeting.]

Panel 5 on the review theme with a focus on "The transition of women from education to full employment and decent work, with a particular focus on employment in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics"

Informal consultations

13:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB)

Informal consultations convened by the Vice-Chair, Ms. Christine Löw (Switzerland), on the draft agreed conclusions on the priority theme of the Commission under agenda item 3 (a) (i) (Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: priority theme: challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls)

[Additional information on the work of the Commission can be found on the following website: www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw58-2014. To consult the list of side events on the occasion of the fifty-eighth session of the Commission, please *click here*.

As requested in relevant resolutions, the reports by the relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council are brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women at its fifty-eighth session and can be accessed by *clicking here*.]

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-eighth session
Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Women, the girl child and HIV and AIDS", convened by the delegation of Malawi (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)), will be held *today*, 18 March 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room C (CB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Release of women and children taken hostage, including those subsequently imprisoned, in armed conflicts", convened by the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan, will be held *today*, 18 March 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room C (CB).

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/68/251, A/68/251/Add.1 and A/68/252.
The meetings under this header are closed.

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General Assembly

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/68/L.38* entitled "Second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries)" (under agenda item 22 (b)) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria)

From 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room S-1522FC.

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 18 March 2014

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

09:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7 (NLB)

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

African Group (on Third Committee matters) (at the expert level)

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8 (NLB)
13:15 to 14:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8 (NLB)
15:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8 (NLB)

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

15:00 to 17:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7 (NLB)

Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) (at the expert level)

15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room E (NLB)

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Tuesday, 18 March 2014

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00	Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-eighth session

For an updated tentative schedule of General Assembly plenary meetings, please *click here*.

Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January–15 September 2014). Meetings will be announced in the Journal when they are scheduled. For inscription on the list of speakers, please contact Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; room S-3082).

The agenda of the sixty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/68/251 (see A/68/252 for allocation of items). Annotations can be found in documents A/68/100 and A/68/100/Add.1. The revised programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the main part of its sixty-eighth session was issued on 24 October 2013 in document A/INF/68/3/Rev.1.

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3872 (room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/68/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Wednesday, 19 March 2014, at 10:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

General Assembly

United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea
Informal preparatory meeting

An informal preparatory meeting for the fifteenth meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea will be held on Friday, 21 March 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

The draft format and draft annotated provisional agenda of the fifteenth meeting of the Informal Consultative Process, as well as draft areas of concentration for the discussion panel, which addresses the topic of focus of the meeting, have been recently forwarded via e-mail to all permanent missions as annexes to the letter of invitation by the Co-Chairs of the fifteenth meeting.

The advance and unedited reporting material on the topic of focus of the meeting "The role of seafood in global food security", is available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (*click here*).

DisarmamentCommission

Informal meeting

The Chair of the Disarmament Commission will hold an informal meeting on Monday, 24 March 2014, at 10:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

2014 substantive session

The 2014 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission will be held from Monday, 7, to Friday, 25 April 2014. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 7 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations could communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch via note verbale (e-mail leu@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible,* the names of representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals
Tenth session

The tenth session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals will be held from Monday, 31 March, to Friday, 4 April 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1 (CB). For more information on the Open Working Group, please *click here.*

Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects
Fifth meeting

The fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including

Socioeconomic Aspects will be held on Monday, 31 March 2014, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB).

The provisional agenda and the annotated provisional agenda, including the proposed organization of work and the format of the meeting, as well as the information for participants, are available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (*click here*).

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the meeting to the Division *by Friday, 28 March 2014* (e-mail doalos@un.org; room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560).

Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction

The Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction will be held from Tuesday, 1 to Friday, 4 April 2014. The meeting will be convened on Tuesday, 1 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB).

The provisional agenda of the meeting is contained in document A/AC.276/L.11. The format and annotated provisional agenda and organization of work are contained in document A/AC.276/L.12. The above documents, as well as other relevant information on the Working Group, are available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (*click here*).

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the meeting of the Working Group to the Division *by Friday, 28 March 2014* (e-mail doalos@un.org; room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560).

Delegations wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers are invited to contact the Division (tel. 1 (212) 963-1112).

The list of side events scheduled to be held during the Meeting can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-fourth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-fourth session at Headquarters from Monday, 2, to Friday, 20 June 2014.

The attention of any Member State intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia,* urges such Member State to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 16 May 2014*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 67/238. Any Member State intending to submit such a plan is also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Eighth session

Central African Republic Configuration

An informal meeting of the Central African Republic configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Wednesday, 19 March 2014, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Guinea configuration

An informal meeting of the Guinea configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Wednesday, 19 March 2014, from 16:30 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Economic and Social Council
2014 session

Special high-level meeting with the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

The special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development will take place on Monday, 14 April 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, and on Tuesday, 15 April, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB). The high-level meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council, His Excellency Martin Sajdik (Austria).

The overall theme of the meeting will be "Coherence, coordination and cooperation in the context of financing for sustainable development and the post-2015 development agenda".

On Monday, 14 April, in the morning, there will be a Ministerial segment, with Ministers of Finance, Development Cooperation and Foreign Affairs and Governors of Central Banks, on theme 1, "World economic situation and prospects", to be followed by an interactive discussion, as well as statements by the heads of relevant intergovernmental bodies and senior officials of the major institutional stakeholders. In the afternoon, there will be two consecutive interactive thematic debates of the whole, as follows:

Thematic debate on *theme 2*: "Mobilization of financial resources and their effective use for sustainable development" (from 15:00 to 16:30); and

Thematic debate on *theme 3*: "Global partnership for sustainable development in the context of the post-2015 development agenda" (from 16:30 to 18:00).

On Tuesday, 15 April, the half-day session in the morning will focus on the way forward, in the form of a multi-stakeholder dialogue on the themes of the meeting, from 10:00 to 13:00.

Members and observers of the Economic and Social Council and representatives of intergovernmental organizations are requested to provide, *in writing*, as soon as possible, the composition of their delegation, to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon, e-mail leonc@un.org; room S-1284), with a copy to the Financing for Development Office (Ms. Anna Alfonso, e-mail alfonso@un.org; Room DC2-2162).

It is emphasized that the nature of the meeting, including the two thematic debates, will be a free-flowing interactive discussion and will therefore have *no list of speakers in advance*. The time limit per intervention will be *three minutes*, but full texts of statements may be circulated in written form (300 copies will be required).

For more information, please contact Mr. Gregory Dubois (e-mail duboisg@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5435); or *click here*.

Coordination and management meeting (23-25 April 2014)

The coordination and management meeting to be held in April 2014 and chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, His Excellency Oh Joon (Republic of Korea), will take place from Wednesday, 23 to Friday, 25 April, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB), to hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of the Council's subsidiary bodies and to consider the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2014 regular session (E/2014/32 (Part I)).

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

The list of subsidiary bodies for which the Council will take action on is contained in document E/2014/2/Add.1.

The deadline for submission of candidatures, established by the Bureau of the Council, is *Friday, 11 April 2014*. Delegations and the Chairs of the regional groups for the current month wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Radhika Ochalik and Ms. Celia Syyap, at the following two email addresses (ochalik@un.org and syyap@un.org).

A list of candidates for these elections and supporting documentation are available on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

List of participants

Delegations are kindly requested to send the names of the representatives and alternates to the April coordination and management meeting of the Council to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Jacqueline Aidenbaum (e-mail aidenbaum@un.org; room S-1271; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are advised that only one list of participants will be issued at the end of the 2014 session, containing the names of the participants to all segments.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements for the 2014 session of the Council

Delegates are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the 2014 session of the Council.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour in advance* of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Economic and Social Council PaperSmart portal only after delivery by delegations.

A minimum of 30 copies of the statement should be provided by delegations to conference services staff in the Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-eighth session
Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft agreed conclusions "Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls", convened by the Vice-Chair, Ms. Christine Löw (Switzerland), will be held on Wednesday, 19 March 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB).

Committee for the United Nations Population Award
Second regular meeting

The Committee for the United Nations Population Award will hold its second regular meeting (closed) of the on Wednesday, 19 March 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 8 (NLB).

Commission on Population and Development

Briefing

The Chair of the Commission on Population and Development, His Excellency Gonzalo Koncke (Uruguay), will hold an informal briefing on the programme of work of the forty-seventh session of the Commission, on Thursday, 20 March 2014, from 15:00 to 17:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All interested members of delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Forty-seventh session

The forty-seventh session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 7, to Friday, 11 April 2014. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 7 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1 (CB).

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2014/1 and E/CN.9/2014/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Kindly note that only those observers who indicate their participation *by Wednesday, 2 April 2014,* will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 1 (CB), on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lists of speakers

The lists of speakers for all agenda items are open. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent from that date, *in writing,* with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: assessment of the status of implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development), will be held from Monday, 7 April 2014 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2014/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

A minimum of 30 copies of statements should be provided by delegations to conference services staff in the room.

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for the forty-seventh session of the Commission.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

For information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Election of the Bureau of the forty-eighth session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its forty-eighth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-seventh session.

United Nations Forum on Forests

Special event on the occasion of the International Day of Forests

A special event on the occasion of the International Day of Forests will be held on Friday, 21 March 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB). The theme of the event is "Celebrating Forests for Sustainable Development".

The event will be comprised of an opening session and a panel discussion on "Women as agents of change for forests and sustainable development". The event will conclude with a general discussion. The programme of the event is available by *clicking here*.

The list of speakers for the general discussion is now open. For inscription to this list, interested Member States are kindly requested to send their requests, *in writing*, indicating the full name and title of the speaker, to the Secretary of the Forum, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Terri Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). The deadline to inscribe on the list is *17:00 on Wednesday, 19 March 2014*.

For further information, please contact Ms. Mita Sen (e-mail sen@un.org, with copy to forest@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5069); or visit the website of the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
Third session

The third session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will be held from Monday, 28 April to Friday, 9 May 2014, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The first meeting of the third session will begin on Monday, 28 April, at 10:00.

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs has prepared an information note for States parties, observer States and intergovernmental organizations, contained in document NPT/CONF.2015/PC.III/INF/1.

Further information for participants will be made available, in due course, in the *Journal* and on the website of the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 NPT Review Conference (*click here*).

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/68/251, A/68/251/Add.1 and A/68/252.
The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 12) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

Wednesday, 19 March 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 9 (CB); and

Friday, 21 March 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 9 (CB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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The meetings under this header are closed.

Asia-Pacific Group (on the latest developments in Ukraine)

Wednesday, 19 March 2014, from 12:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room C (CB).

African Group (on Third Committee matters) (at the expert level)

Thursday, 20 March 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 9 (CB).

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 27 March 2014, at 15:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Forthcoming other activities

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Briefing on "Post-2015 Development Agenda – Module IV: Eradicating Poverty" (organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR))

Wednesday, 19 March 2014, from 15:00 to 17:30, in Conference Room E (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For registration please, *click here*. For further information, contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).]

Panel discussion on "Cultural diplomacy and multilingualism" (on the occasion of the "Francophonie month") (organized by the International Organization of la Francophonie (IOF), in cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), New York Office)

Thursday, 20 March 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

[All are invited. For further information and registration, please contact the IOF (e-mail reper.new-york@francophonie.org).]

Panel discussions on "Health and wellbeing – Access and equality for all" (on the occasion of World Down Syndrome Day) (co-organized by Down Syndrome International, in collaboration with the Permanent Missions of Australia, Brazil, India, Poland and Japan, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Disability Alliance (IDA))

Friday, 21 March 2014, from 13:30 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Robert Venne, DESA (e-mail venne@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4540).]

Special event on the occasion of the International Day of Nowruz (21 March) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, India, Iraq, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan)

Monday, 24 March 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Hosein Gharibi, Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran (e-mails iran@un.int or gharibi14@yahoo.com; tel. 1 (212) 687-2020, ext. 253).]

Briefing on "The Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects" (in advance of the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on 31 March 2014) (organized by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (DOALOS/OLA))

Tuesday, 25 March 2014, from 13:30 to 14:30, in the DOALOS Conference Room (DC-2 Building, 4th Floor).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information and registration, please contact Ms. Karen Yoo, DOALOS (e-mail yook@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0287).]

Seminar on "International treaty law and practice" (with a focus on the Minamata Convention on Mercury) (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (OLA))

Tuesday, 8 April 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room C (CB); and

Wednesday, 9 April 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room C (CB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For registration, please *click here*. For further information, contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).]

Announcements

Thirty-fourth meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (24 June 2014)

Delegations from States who are parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights are reminded that the deadline for submission of candidates for the two elections of members of the Human Rights Committee is *Friday, 21 March 2014*.

To date, the secretariat has received only four nominations for the nine regular positions on the Committee (regular election) and one nomination for the casual vacancy (by-election). Candidates may be nominated for both elections.

Under articles 33 and 34 of the Covenant, vacancies on the Committee are filled through open elections and nominations of qualified candidates may be submitted by any State Party. There are no formal quotas for regional groups, although geographical distribution of seats is a factor which may be taken into account when nominating candidates. Currently there are four women amongst the eighteen members of the Committee.

Nominations should be sent by the nominating State Party to the Registry of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) (e-mail registry@ohchr.org), with a copy to the Secretary of the Human Rights Committee, Ms. Kate Fox (e-mail kfox@ohchr.org) at OHCHR in Geneva. Please state whether the nomination is for the regular election of nine members, the by-election or both.

Notes verbales sent by the Office for Disarmament Affairs related to reports of the Secretary-General on disarmament items to be submitted to the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly

The Office for Disarmament Affairs wishes to draw the attention of Member States to the following notes verbales requesting inputs for the reports of the Secretary-General on disarmament items to be submitted to the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly:

Note verbale ODA/07-2014/CBMRSC on "Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/08-2014/SSCMR on "Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/11-2014/WAD on "Women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/15-2014/CAC on "Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels" *(Deadline: Wednesday, 30 April 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/16-2014/ICBM on "Information on confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms" *(Deadline: Wednesday, 30 April 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/17-2014/OIMM on "Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures" *(Deadline: Wednesday, 30 April 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/18-2014/AADU on "Effects of the use of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium" *(Deadline: Wednesday, 30 April 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/19-2014/TIA on "Transparency in armaments" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/20-2014/D&D on "Relationship between disarmament and development" *(Deadline: Wednesday, 30 April 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/21-2014/ML on "Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/22-2014/IS on "Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/23-3014/EN on "Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/25-2014/NWFZME on "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/26-2014/WMD-T on "Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/27-2014/ICJ on "Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/28-2014/HLM on "Follow-up to the 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/29-2014/MNDN on "Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations" *(Deadline: Sunday, 1 June 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/30-2014/DNPE on "United Nations study on disarmament and non-proliferation" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/33-2014/NLDU on "National legislation on transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology" *(Deadline: Wednesday, 30 April 2014)*

For permanent missions that have not yet received these notes verbales, please contact Ms. Jenny Fuchs, ODA (e-mail fuchs@un.org).

United Nations Regional Courses in International Law: Appeal for voluntary contributions by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

The United Nations Regional Courses in International Law (RCIL) provide high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners on a broad range of core subjects of international law, as well as specific subjects of particular interest to the countries in a given region. The Regional Courses also provide an opportunity for the participants to focus on contemporary issues of international law in the region with a view to promoting greater understanding and cooperation on such issues. For further information, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*).

The Regional Courses are dependent on voluntary contributions. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs, wish to express their deep appreciation to Australia for providing the necessary voluntary contribution to fund the Regional Course in International Law for Africa to be held in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) from Monday, 7 April to Friday, 2 May 2014. This generous contribution has made possible this session of the Regional Course.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division are also seeking voluntary contributions for the Regional Courses in International Law for Africa, for Asia-Pacific and for Latin America and the Caribbean for 2015. The Codification Division would need to receive notification of such voluntary contributions *by Friday, 1 August 2014,* to proceed with plans for such courses in 2015.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division wish to express their appreciation to the one Member State that has made a voluntary contribution in 2014 to support the Regional Course in International Law for Asia-Pacific for 2015, namely, Saudi Arabia.

For additional information concerning voluntary contributions, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law: Appeal for voluntary contributions by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law (AVL) is a unique multi-media resource and key instrument for promoting a greater understanding of the essential role of the United Nations in the field of international law. It consists of a permanent collection of scholarly lectures, historic archives of significant international law instruments and an online legal research library providing extensive international law research materials. Since its launch on 28 October 2008, the Audiovisual Library has been accessed by more than one million people in all 193 Member States of the United Nations.

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law is dependent on voluntary contributions. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs wish to express their appreciation to the ten Member States that have made voluntary contributions to support the AVL in 2013, namely, Austria, China, the Czech Republic, Ireland, Israel, Mexico, Norway, Poland, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division are seeking voluntary contributions from Member States to support the continuation and further development of the Audiovisual Library in 2014.

For additional information or inquiries, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2014 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

International Law Commission Trust Fund

Pursuant to paragraph 21 of General Assembly 62/66 resolution, the Secretary-General in 2008 established a Trust Fund to accept voluntary contributions so as eliminate the backlog of the *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*. Under paragraph 26 of its resolution 68/112, the General Assembly expressed its appreciation to Governments that have made voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund and encouraged further contributions to the Trust Fund.

In accordance with the terms of reference of the trust fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations, private institutions and individuals. A circular letter has been issued to Governments through their Permanent missions. Should additional information be required on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (e-mail sooksatan@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5331).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all states parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of states parties will take place in 2014:

Seventh session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (10-12 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities whose terms expire on 31 December 2014 (*click here* for general information);

Thirty-fourth meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (24 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Human Rights Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2014, and extraordinary election to replace one Member of the Committee who resigned (*click here* for general information);

Fifteenth meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (25 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2015 (*click here* for general information); and

Eighteenth meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2014): election to replace twelve members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women whose terms expire on 31 December 2014 (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States Parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting in question.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities only should be submitted to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (Attn: Mr. Guozhong Zhang (e-mail zhangg@un.org; room S-2906)). Original copies of credentials and names of delegates, duly signed by the head of state or government or foreign minister, for all other meetings should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn: Mr. Nenad Vasić (e-mail vasic@un.org; room S-1309)).

Details on the procedures for the nomination of candidates for each of these elections will be communicated to States parties via notes verbales from OHCHR Geneva.

For any clarifications on these elections, please see Candiweb, consult OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections (*click here*), or contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292). For clarifications regarding the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities *not related to the elections*, please contact DESA.

Online reservation system for side events for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent Missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*. For enquiries, please send an e-mail to csw.sideevents@unwomen.org.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions, in room DC2-1142 (or otherwise indicated), for the month of *March:*

Library Information Sessions for delegates of the fifty-eight session of the Commission on the Status of Women (room L-105 (Library Building))

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Researching from United Nations databases: United Nations Bibliographic Information System (UNBISnet), Official Document System (ODS) and United Nations-Info-Quest (UN-I-QUE)

Using United Nations Multimedia Resources

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing Library Training Calendar (www.un.libcal.com).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Summary of official meetings

Saturday, 15 March 2014

Security Council

[archived video]

7138th meeting

Letter dated 28 February 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2014/136)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representatives of Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Malta, Montenegro, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and Ukraine to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2014/189, submitted by Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement before the vote.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2014/189) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2014/189) received 13 votes in favour, one against (Russian Federation) and one abstention (China), and failed to be adopted owing to the negative vote of a permanent member of the Council.

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, France, the United Kingdom, Lithuania, Rwanda, China, Chile, Argentina, Australia, Republic of Korea, Nigeria, Chad, Jordan and Luxembourg.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Ukraine.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a further statement.

Monday, 17 March 2014

Security Council

[archived video]

7139th meeting

The situation in Afghanistan

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (S/2014/163)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of Afghanistan, Canada, Germany, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Italy, Japan, Pakistan, Slovakia, Sweden and Turkey to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Mr. Ján Kubiš, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President also invited His Excellency Thomas Mayr-Harting, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Kubiš.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Afghanistan.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2014/184, submitted by Australia.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2014/184) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2014/184) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2145 (2014).

Statements were made by the representatives of Australia, the Republic of Korea, Argentina, Rwanda, Nigeria, France, the United Kingdom, Chile, Lithuania, China, Chad, Jordan, the United States and the Russian Federation, and by the President, speaking in her capacity as the representative of Luxembourg.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of India, Italy and Japan.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of the European Union (speaking on behalf of the European Union and its members States; the candidate countries Turkey, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Iceland and Serbia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; the EFTA countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Armenia and Georgia, aligned themselves with this statement).

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Slovakia, Pakistan, Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden), Germany, Turkey, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Canada.

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-eighth session

[archived video]

10th meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

General discussion

The Commission continued its general discussion of the agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of El Salvador, Uruguay, Swaziland, Estonia, Belgium, Bangladesh, Libya and Ecuador.

Statements were also made by the observers for the United Republic of Tanzania, Namibia, Panama, Mauritius, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Trinidad and Tobago, India, the Syrian Arab Republic, Viet Nam, Croatia, Singapore, Myanmar, Malta, Fiji, Qatar, Tuvalu, Sri Lanka, Montenegro, Botswana, Gabon and the Maldives.

Right of reply

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

Organization of work

The Chair (Philippines) made a statement.

11th meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

General discussion

The Commission continued its general discussion of the agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, China, Germany and the Russian Federation.

Statements were also made by the observers for Colombia, Nepal, Timor-Leste, Algeria, Chile, Saudi Arabia, Honduras, Iraq, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Solomon Islands, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Liechtenstein and Ukraine.

The observer for the Holy See also made a statement.

The observers for the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions, the International Olympic Committee, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, the African Union and the League of Arab States made statements.

The representatives of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) (also on behalf of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)), and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) also made statements.

The representative of Amnesty International, a non-governmental organization, also made a statement.

Right of reply

The representatives of Qatar, Japan, China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Syrian Arab Republic made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Chair (Philippines).

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2014* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Guinea Bissau
His Excellency João Soares Da Gama

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Tonga
His Excellency Mahe'uli'uli Sandhurst Tupouniua

Eastern European States:
Bulgaria
His Excellency Stephan Tafrov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Chile
His Excellency Octavio Errázuriz

Western European and other States:
New Zealand
His Excellency Jim McLay

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